



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution awarding the contract for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing) to Trees, Inc. (\$223,378.00) (EUD)

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2003

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution awarding the contract for the above project to Trees Inc, of Houston, Texas at a cost of \$223,378.00 for the remainder of the 2002/2003 fiscal year (evaluated cost of \$258.24 per hour).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Electric Utility Department has utilized a tree trimming contractor for its line clearing requirements since November 1988. The current contract was awarded by the City Council on February 12, 2001 for a one-year five-month period with an option to extend yearly thereafter, at the City's sole discretion for a maximum of three additional years. Arbor Tree Surgery requested a 16% increase for a three (3) person crew and a 12% increase for a two (2) person crew on November 1, 2002, due to an increase in their workers' compensation insurance premium. The request was denied, contract dated February 12, 2001 granted Arbor Tree Surgery a 3% increase, which they received on July 1, 2002. To maintain continuity of the line clearing program, a new contract needs to be awarded. This contract, like the current one, has provisions for yearly extensions up to a maximum of three years.

This contract will provide the City with two three-person (backyard) crews for five (5) months and one two-person (street) crew for five (5) months, including vehicles, equipment and other expenses for the three crews. This level of activity represents an effort to maintain the 130+ circuit miles of overhead lines clear of growth in accordance with the *Eighteen Inch Rule* mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission.

The specifications for this contract were approved on December 18, 2002 with bid opening on January 8, 2003. The five bids received are shown below:

Bidder	First Backyard Crew	Second Backyard Crew	Street Crew	Evaluated Cost
Trees Inc. Houston, TX	90.99	90.99	76.26	258.24 / hour
Arbor Tree Surgery Paso Robles, CA	89.18	89.18	85.45	263.81 / hour
Davey Tree Surgery Co. Livermore, CA	105.16	105.16	81.05	291.37 / hour

APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager



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Bidder	First Backyard Crew	Second Backyard Crew	Street Crew	Evaluated Cost
Asplundh Tree Expert Stockton, CA	106.00	106.00	100.00	312.00 / hour
West Coast Arborists, Inc	120.00	120.00	135.00	375.00 / hour

The estimated cost of this contract for the remainder of the 2002/2003 fiscal year is \$223,378.

FUNDING: The budgeted amount of \$288,326.00 remains in the Department's 2002/2003 fiscal year budget. Funding for the 2003/2004 fiscal year contract will be included in the proposed 2003/2005 budget. Funding for extensions of the contract will be budgeted on a year-to-year basis.

Funding Approval:

Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

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Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Carl Lindstrom, Electric Utility Superintendent

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APPROVED: _____

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Paul Keen - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR TREE
TRIMMING (POWER LINE CLEARING)

WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on January 8, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on December 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as follows:

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West Coast Arborists, Inc. Anaheim, CA	120.00	120.00	135.00	375.00 / hour

The estimated cost of this contract for the remainder of the 2002/2003 fiscal year is \$223,378.

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends award of the bid for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), be made to the low bidder, Trees Inc., of Houston, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lodi City Council that the award of the bid for Tree Trimming (Power Line Clearing), be made to the low bidder, Trees Inc., of Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$223,378.00 for the remainder of the 2002/2003 fiscal year (evaluated cost of \$258.24 per hour).

Dated: February 5, 2003

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-11 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 5, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

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SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk